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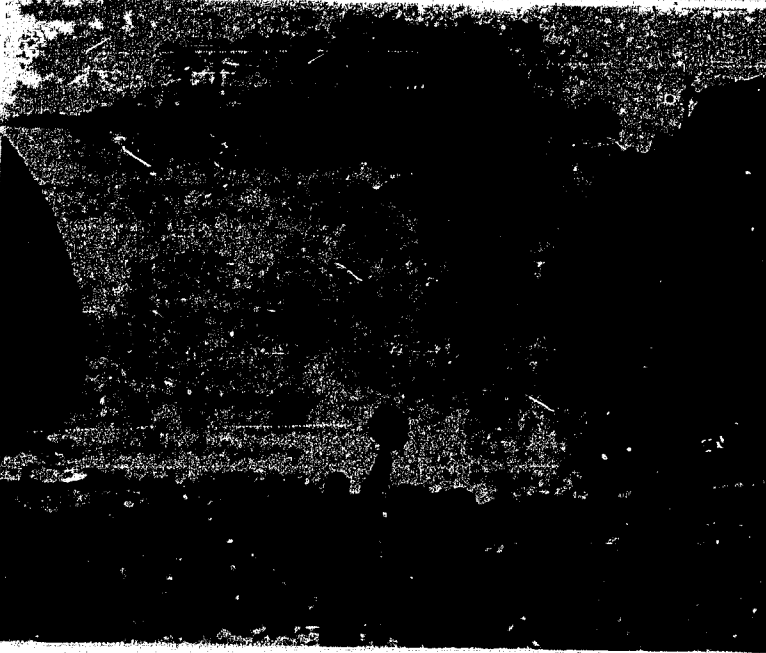
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FRIEND SHIP GREETED . . . The S. S. American Leader, carrying the food collected by the transatlantic "Friendship Train," is shown arriving at Le Havre. The ship is framed between two hulks of ship victims of the war. In foreground the first French greeters wave to the ship, the bearer of concrete evidence of American friendship for France.

TOWN TALK

Alton Carroll was called to Houlton by the death of his father, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Chadbourn started on a vacation trip, Tuesday.

Linda Paine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earlton Paine, is confined with the chicken pox.

Paul Salway began work last week as janitor of the village school buildings.

Linda Curtis of East Stoneham is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Frances Bennett.

Arnold Brown has returned to work for Burrett Lumber Sales after two months vacation.

Warren Brown has finished work at Bryant's Market and has moved from Gillett to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Bean left Monday morning enroute to their winter home at Doland, Fla.

The first logs were sawed this morning at Richard Davis' new mill near Alder River bridge.

Miss Marilyn Boyker returned to Boston Monday to resume her studies at Boston University.

Miss Priscilla Carver returned Wednesday to resume her studies at Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

Royden Keddy returned to Harvard University Sunday after spending a vacation at his home here.

Charles Freeman is ill with the flu.

Mrs. May McCrea left Monday for Ormond Beach, Fla.

Miss Isabel Bennett returned Tuesday to resume her studies at Russell Sage College, Troy, N. Y.

The next meeting of the Bethel Players will be Thursday evening, Jan. 15, at 8:30 o'clock at the Community Room.

Mr. and Mrs. Fillmore Clough returned to Orono Monday after spending the Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Millard Clough.

George Lothrop has purchased the house recently built by Stanley Davis on the Mayville road. He expects to occupy it in the spring.

Mrs. John Meserve was in Portland Sunday and Wednesday to visit her daughter, Miss Sylvia Bird, at the Maine General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Grieg and children returned to their home in Arlington, Mass., Sunday after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown.

Leon Millett suffered an injury to one knee, puncturing the kneecap, while harvesting ice on Song Pond, Jan. 2. He is getting along nicely now.

Miss Amy Penner, who spent the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. William Penner, left Saturday for Berea, Ohio, where she is attending Baldwin Wallace College.

Students returning Monday to the University of Maine were Miss Jacqueline Macfarlane, Stanley Davis, Donald Brooks, Irving Cummings, Gilbert LeClair, John Greenleaf and Robert Greenleaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ramsdell celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary New Year's day. They entertained at dinner, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Bean of Portland, Sherman Ramsdell and Miss Gertrude Farrington of Farmington, Mrs. Olive Lurvey of Bethel. Many cards and remembrances were received by the couple from relatives and friends.

Mrs. Olive Lurvey entertained at contract Friday evening. Those present were: Mrs. Louis Van Den Kerckhoven, Mrs. Walter Tinkander, Mrs. Grace Macfarlane, Mrs. Lloyd Lutton, Mrs. Harold Bennett, Mrs. Myron Bryant, Mrs. Edward Hanscom, Mrs. Charles Gorman, Mrs. Richmond Rodrick, Mrs. Chester Briggs, Mrs. Robert Lord and Mrs. Lurvey. Prizes were awarded as follows: first, Mrs. Harold Bennett; second, Mrs. Chester Briggs; consolation, Mrs. Charles Gorman. Refreshments were served.

Sunset Rebekah Lodge met Monday evening at the IOOF hall following the meeting, a rehearsal for degree work was held. It was reported that at the next meeting, to be held Jan. 18, Past Noble Grand will confer degrees on a class of candidates. They will be assisted by the regular officers. Refreshments will be served by a committee including Mrs. Gladys Bean, Mrs. Earlton Paine and Mrs. Wallace Coolidge. The evening's program will be in charge of Miss Beatrice Brown and Mrs. Chester Briggs.

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BRYANT - CLOUGH

Miss Ida Lee Clough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Clough, Bethel, became the bride of George Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bryant, Bethel, at the Methodist parsonage, Bethel, Jan. 3 at 8:00 P. M. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. William Penner.

They were attended by Miss Alice Bennett of Bethel, as bridesmaid, and O'Neill Larrabee of Berlin, N. H., as best man.

The bride wore a navy blue gabardine suit with matching accessories and a corsage of pink roses and white carnations. Her bridesmaid wore a navy blue gabardine suit with matching accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

A reception was given the couple at the bride's home by her parents with the immediate family and a few friends present. Refreshments were served including a beautiful wedding cake made by Mrs. Wallace Clark. The bride presented the bridesmaid a silver chafin, and the bridegroom presented his best man a gold tie set.

For the present the couple will reside in Locke Mills.

Mrs. Bryant attended Bethel schools and was graduated from Gould Academy in 1943, and from Russell Sage College, Troy, N. Y., in 1947. For the past few months she has taught Physical Education at St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N. J.

Mr. Bryant graduated from Gould Academy in 1944, and served 18 months in the Navy. He is employed by his father here in Bethel.

AMERICA'S EXAMPLE MAY HELP EUROPE'S RECOVERY

"America can make a vital contribution to World peace by showing the Russians that the religious and civil freedoms of Western Germany go hand in hand with recovery," Sumner Sewall, of Bath, declared Sunday night at the Rumford Methodist Church.

"Because Moscow fears that loyalty to a religious cause may rival political loyalty, Russian leaders are hesitating any move to strengthen the Church in the Soviet zone of Germany," Sewall, recently returned United States governor of Wurttemberg-Baden, Germany, told his listeners.

"By setting a dynamic example in action in our zone of Germany, we can effectively demonstrate to the people behind the Iron Curtain that the creative energy of men of faith and freedom is the greatest force in the world."

NORWAY—GOULD MEET HERE TUESDAY

Gould Academy will meet its second Oxford County rival when the Norway cagers play here on Tuesday, Jan. 13. The J.V. teams will meet in the preliminary scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

The Norway varsity invades the Gould campus with four regulars back from their fine team of '47. Outstanding in the visitors line-up is M. Willey, their high scoring center. Last year he dropped in 23 points at Bethel and 20 points at Norway in the return game. The other regulars back from last year are D. Gould at forward and the two guards A. Montpelier and M. Smith.

NO COMPENSATION IS ASKED BY LEGIONAIRES RENDERING FIRE SERVICE

Department Commander Alexander A. LaFleur, The American Legion, has addressed to Governor Hildreth a statement relative to the recent fire emergency reciting that during the emergency The American Legion organized and furnished a great many units to help in the hour of Maine's greatest disaster. No Legionaire at the time expected any compensation for the assistance he rendered, and does not now expect any compensation, and will expect none for any assistance which he renders in the future.

Commander LaFleur assured Governor Hildreth that he or his successors in office may in any emergency call upon the Legion and expect immediate volunteer service, and he said that while there had been some public discussion with regard to various payments made or to be made for services rendered by various organizations during or after the emergency, none such was expected by the Legion, and he wished the position of his organization to be understood beyond any possibility of misunderstanding.

Patrick O'Brien has gone to Ormond Beach, Fla., where he will be employed at the Hotel Ormond.

NOYES HEADS BETHEL CHAMBER COMMERCE

The annual meeting of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday evening at the American Legion Home. The reports of the treasurer and president were read and accepted. Officers for 1948 were elected as follows: President, Francis Noyes; Vice-President, Robert Blake; Secretary, Henry Hastings; Treasurer, Louis Van Den Kerckhoven.

After a lengthy discussion the Chamber went on record in favor of seeking an early morning mail from Portland. This would include all mail coming into the Portland terminal up to 1 a.m. and would be a big improvement in local service. It would also offer much better service for patrons of the old R. F. D.3, now part of route 1, which now leaves the Post Office at 8 a.m.

The speaker of the evening was D. Norvin Humphrey, who has lately returned from California and is living with his wife, formerly Miss Margaret Hanson, at their home on Church Street. Mr. Humphrey told of personal experiences in drilling oil wells. Many details of location, drilling and operation were made clear to an interested audience, and his answers to questions at the close of the talk were much appreciated by the listeners who knew little of the subject.

WILLIAM ANNIS HEADS 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

William H. Annis, of West Rockport, was elected president of the Maine Association of 4-H Club Leaders at their meeting during the 33rd annual State 4-H Club Contest at the University of Maine. He succeeds John Smiley, of Winslow.

The new vice-president is Herbert Libby, of Cambridge, and Mrs. Elsie Libby, of West Buxton, is the new secretary. The association is made up of volunteer local 4-H club leaders. One of the leaders, Mrs. Hannah Waltz, of Passadumkeag, received a bronze plaque as special recognition of her outstanding work.

Miss Sylvia Bird is recovering from surgery at the Maine General Hospital, Portland.

LUCKY CLOVER 4-H CLUB

The Lucky Clover 4-H Club of East Bethel held their fifth meeting at Clara and June Foster's house, Saturday, January 3, 1948.

The girls who took sewing worked on things we were making. The girls who took food preparation measured things with flour and water.

Mrs. Bartlett, our Club leader, told about her trip to Orono. She had a very good time.

Nuts and candy were served by June Foster and Grace Smith. Later we played games brought by Shirley Bartlett.

Our next meeting is at Serena Coolidge's Jan. 17. Clara Foster, Club Reporter.

Mrs. Raymond Dexter spent the week end with relatives in Bath.

SKOWHEGAN CAGERS HERE FRIDAY—ALUMNI, J.V.'S IN PRELIMINARY

Skowhegan's powerful quintet will meet Gould Academy Friday at the Field House in what should prove to be one of the best games of the season. Coach Baron Pearl has developed a strong team that is well regarded in their territory. A 38-36 defeat by Fairfield, a team that swamped Rumford 61-34, gives some evidence of the invaders' strength.

The Bethel cagers started practice again on Monday after an 18 day lay-off and with only four days to prepare will have plenty of work to do. Coach Anderson will start his regulars, Bennett and Young at the forwards, Davis at center, and Wood and Foster, guards. The "Blue and Gold" have three pre-holiday victories to their credit but will have their hands full here Friday when they tackle Skowhegan.

The preliminary game scheduled to start at 7 p.m. finds the Gould J.V.'s slated to meet an Alumni team organized by Ted Emery and Dexter Stowell of the 1946 squad. Both boys are recently returned from the service and anxious to play again. Any Alumnus wishing to play should get in touch with them. The Bowhay coached J.V.'s have victories over Gorham and Mexico but will be facing older and more experienced material when they bump into the Alumni.

B. G. S. LOSES OPENER IN CLOSE CONTEST

The Bethel Grammar School five dropped a hard fought basketball contest to Oxford on the latter's home court Wednesday evening by a score of 40-38. Forward Harold Bartlett and Captain Eugene Brown led the "Terror" attack.

B. G. S. G FG P
Taylor, rf 3 1 7
Engman, rf 0 0 0
Bartlett, lf 6 2 14
Brown, c 6 1 13
R. Murphy, rg 2 0 4
Farlin, rg 0 0 0
Croteau, lg 0 0 0

OXFORD G FG P
R. Smith, rf 6 1 13
Anderson, lf 2 1 5
Ellsworth, lf 0 0 0
Seamon, c 5 1 13
Herlick, rg 1 0 2
Truman, lg 3 1 7

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PICTURES AT METHODIST CHURCH TO SHOW WAR RESULTS IN EUROPE

Next Thursday evening, Jan. 15, at 7:30 moving pictures will be shown at the Methodist Church. Social conditions in Europe, especially among children, will be shown in "Seeds of Destiny." "This Road We Walk" tells of the work of the United Church program of relief and in Europe and Asia. The public is invited to attend this interesting program, for which there is no admission charge but a special offering for world service will be received.

Linwood Lowell was guest of honor at a birthday party given at his home by relatives, Friday evening, Jan. 2. Mr. Lowell received many gifts among which were three birthday cakes made by Mrs. H. B. Lowell, Mrs. Clayton Kendall and Mrs. Arthur Chayer. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Kendall; Maurice, Laurence, Marvin, Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lowell; Linda; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chayer, Cynthia, Miss Nancy Dupee.

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LOOKING AHEAD
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A Speech Was Made

A letter came to my desk a few weeks ago containing one paragraph that astonished me. It read: "At the church conference held in this southern district a speech was made against the profit motive."

That any American group, particularly a religious group, should raise its voice against the profit motive struck me as amazing.

To get rid of the profit motive, you would have to find some substitute for economics in modern civilization. You would have to eliminate all trading and marketing, buying and selling. You would have to get rid of money and other mediums of exchange. You would have to cease bartering and swapping. In fact, you would have to reduce your modern civilization to self-sufficiency of the individual.

Only Two Ways

A modern and complicated civilization like our own could not do without trade, exchange, manufacturing, raw materials and production. You just have to ask more than it cost you. That is what profit means. And without the profit motive, trade and commerce would die.

There are only two ways that an economy may operate in America. Individuals can farm, store, factories, and run them for the chief purpose of making enough profit to live on. The other way is for government to own everything, operating all production merely for the purpose of feeding the people and supplying what it thinks are their needs.

Compare the Two

The profit motive is the very foundation of our American way of life. It is the constitutional way in our country. It has produced more in this area, finer cooperation, and a greater abundance of clothing, food, housing, and transportation than the masses of the people have ever known in any other country.

The other kind of economy, owned and operated by the government, attempts to do away with the profit motive. Actually it does away with freedom, and the last that there is left is a kind of economy where the state is a "what's for the state" offering only the barest necessities to its people. Russia is a good example. Russia has attempted to substitute their efforts against the profit motive for the profit motive, and the result has been a failure. The state has failed to produce what it had to produce, and the result has been a failure.

Advance Agents

The very concepts of freedom of the individual and the freedom of the state are the foundation of the American way of life. There are two ways that an economy may operate in America. Individuals can farm, store, factories, and run them for the chief purpose of making enough profit to live on. The other way is for government to own everything, operating all production merely for the purpose of feeding the people and supplying what it thinks are their needs.

Let us not confuse greed and sin with the profit motive. There is nothing sinful about the profit motive, and it is the basis of our American way of life. The profit motive is the basis of our American way of life. The profit motive is the basis of our American way of life.

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Dale Carnegie

"HOW TO WIN FRIENDS and INFLUENCE PEOPLE"

EMPLOYER AIDS BOY TOWARD SUCCESS

THE International Rotary Club is a contest for deciding who could furnish the best personal experience under the title, "The Man Who Taught Me the Most." Manuscripts came in from all over the world; or, as the Rotarian Magazine stated, "from Kenya to New Zealand." The contest was won by Louis Payler, Miamisburg, Ohio.

You'll probably be surprised to learn what he considered the two most valuable lessons ever taught him by any man.

When he was fifteen years old he went to work for a druggist in Cincinnati—a Mr. Bolton. Mr. Bolton was a wise and understanding man and he seemed to realize that there had come to him a boy who was in the formative period of his life. In Mr. Payler's own words:

One warm afternoon I mixed a nectar soda for a high school boy like myself. As I opened the jar, I smelled the sirup and I knew that it wasn't right. But I thought it might be good.

When the boy tasted the soda, he wrinkled his nose. "This nectar's off in smell," he said. I was about to argue with him when Mr. Bolton stepped up and said:

"Why not try a cherry instead?"

After the boy had gone, Mr. Bolton turned to me. "Never argue with a customer, nor insist that you are right." He proved his wisdom in this policy time and again by making refunds that I knew were not deserved. But in the long run he made friends.

"Now that you are earning money," said Mr. Bolton, one day, "you should put some aside. Did you plan on that?"

"No, sir," I thought money was to spend as soon as I got my hands on it.

He told me that I should put aside a quarter of a dollar every week. "All right," I agreed, but far from enthusiastically.

The following Saturday something happened that puzzled me. I had scrubbed the floor for the first time, taking the place of the scrub woman, and I was to get 50 cents extra for that. But when I opened my pay envelope I had only my usual \$2.

The next day I screwed up courage to ask Mr. Bolton about my extra fifty cents. "You forgot to pay me," I said.

"I did pay you."

I was about to explain about that extra fifty cents when he reached into a drawer and brought out a stiff black book with my name written on it, and a number—and \$1 entered opposite my name. He said that book was my building-association book, and he added, "I put in your scrubbing money and then added half a dollar from my own pocket. Now you follow on from here."

That made me feel grown up and important. I had a savings account! I was not merely working behind a soda counter. I was a young business man. Today I still have an account in that same building association, and the habit Mr. Bolton instilled in me has never lost its hold. To the lesson I learned from that act of Mr. Bolton's, I owe any property and money I have accumulated.

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Happenings That Affect the Dinner Plate, Divided Check and Tax Bills of Every Individual—National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare

The entrance to the Presidential campaign is the ground that these days, like so many other race-horses lined up at the barrier. The interest, of course, is entirely on the Republican side, in that Mr. Truman undoubtedly will be the standard bearer of his party. However, everything that goes on within both parties necessarily carries at least a faint aura of good old fashioned party politics. This is perfectly natural. The White House, the greatest of political goals, and for the first time in nearly twenty years the Republicans have a real chance.

Curiously, the Republican who unquestionably has the largest number of pledged delegates at present has not even announced his candidacy. That is Governor Dewey, who holds a substantial margin of leadership when it comes to the statistics. However, this margin is a long way from the necessary majority, and it doesn't appear to have faltered to any great extent recently. Furthermore, some of the polls indicate that party leaders would prefer Senator Taft, even though he admittedly trails Dewey in pure convention votes.

This does not mean that Senator Taft is enthusiastically regarded by all his colleagues and party members. There are influential GOP newspapers that recently complained that the Senator from Ohio seems to be working on the idea that whatever he says should automatically be accepted as Republican policy. Senator Taft, the President of the Senate, has openly split with Taft on a number of top issues. Senator Vandenberg has occasionally shown mild criticism at some of Taft's stunts of foreign policy. The Republican mavericks, like Morse of Oregon, have little use for the chosen and make no bones about it. Taft is paying a certain penalty for having taken forthright and clear stands on almost everything that now troubles this country and the world. It may be to Dewey's advantage that he hasn't been too forthright on the big issues, though he has endorsed the Marshall Plan and compulsory military training, the last of which Taft ardently opposes.

In any event, the line up of favor now reads, Dewey, Taft, Eisenhower with the first two far ahead and the third the most prominent of the dark horses. A dark horse

who could, if the circumstances were right, sweep the field as Wilkie did in 1940. General MacArthur's possible candidacy is not taken too seriously in professional quarters, and late reports indicate that he may have decided to stay in Japan until a peace treaty is concluded. Messrs. Stassen and Warren are openly in the field, but they are long shots. Either of them, however, stands an excellent chance of being offered second place on the ticket should he desire it. Finally, there is the usual lengthy list of favorite sons who have no perceptible chance for anything.

Whether or not the two parties split broadly on the question of European aid, the Marshall Plan, and on foreign policy in general, there will be no lack of issues to make the campaign lively. Mr. Truman will certainly go to the country on behalf of his program of rationing and price control. It is almost equally certain that the GOP standard-bearer will oppose it in practically every particular. There is plenty of dynamite in this issue alone to keep the contenders going. Price control involves the whole governmental and economic system on which this country is based, and its abysmal failure in Europe will also give the Republicans a strong argument.

Republican policy holds that the best way to solve the cost of living problem is to cut the cost of government and reduce taxes. That is to attempt to check inflation at the top and to allow the people more take-home pay to buy things with. (Some think Mr. Truman, for his part, will come out with a different kind of tax reduction plan, which would confine cuts pretty much to low-bracket incomes, rather than including the whole income scale. His veto message when he returned the tax bill passed at the last regular session of Congress indicated that.)

What makes all this particularly important is that no one can make a smart guess as to who will win which is a very different situation than obtained before the last four elections when every dispassionate observer picked Roosevelt. When the Republicans took the House and Senate in the elections of November, 1946, many began dinging a grave for the Democrats. Then Mr. Truman's stock, as revealed by the polls, rose remarkably. A short time ago, in the Kentucky elections, Democrats registered some victory over incumbent Republicans, and this started GOP leaders thinking hard. It looks now as if the election will be very close indeed—the closest since the Wilson-Hughes

ABOVE THE HULLS

WASHINGTON QUIETS

IT IS a strange paradox that the same men who offer their lives to their country in time of war won't sacrifice a few dollars, or a political advantage, to save their country in peace time. Some of the men in Washington who today are playing politics with the "Great Destroyer-Inflation," wear medals for valor won on the field of battle in defense of this nation. President Truman himself, by no means the least of these offenders, served with honor and distinction through the first World War. Today they fliddle for the 1948 votes while America burns. Nor are the anti-inflation forces, now being played by both the Government and the Republican opposition, being digested by the 1948 voters.

But business could lick inflation! So could union labor! Combined they could stop it quickly. If union labor, instead of threatening new wage demands, would make the flat statement that these demands were "out" and that production would be speeded up, provided industry will check the rise in their prices and, wherever compatible with good economics, will begin to lower prices—the inflation back would be broken and industry wouldn't need to raise prices any more—and wouldn't dare do it.

And if that powerful triumvirate—business, capital and industry management—made the flat statement that they were going to begin to cut prices, even if they had to lower dividends, they wouldn't have to ask labor to forego wage raises.

It's just as easy as that! And if today, we had with us some of those hard boiled old giants like J. P. Morgan, Geo. F. Baker, James J. Hill and E. H. Harriman, not to mention that great labor leader—Samuel Gompers—they could show us how to do it—and they would! There must be some giants somewhere today!

Russia takes ten dollars from its citizens and gives them back one. What's the difference—if we will have to pay ten dollars for one dollar's worth of merchandise? In one case some slave owners take the money from their chattel; in the other case the leaders of government, business, labor and industry haven't the know-how, or the guts, to prevent the same outcome.

campaign, when California reversed its usual field and went for Wilson by a narrow majority after Hughes had been all but conceded the winner.

However, it is a long time until next November, and in the present state of the country and the world anything can happen. A worsening or an improvement in the international picture—a depression or a continuation of our money-spending spree—a decline in prices or a further rise in prices—more strikes or a prolonged period of industrial peace—factory such as these could turn the scales, as they have done before. Right now, all that can be said is that it looks like a good race.

GETTING THE COAL OUT

Writing in the London, England, Financial Times, John D. Battle of the National Coal Association, states that, "American bituminous mines are producing almost one-half of the world's coal as western civilization seeks to recover from the most devastating conflict in history."

The American mines do not normally supply overseas markets. Yet in the year ending last June 30, we exported the extraordinary amount of 30,000,000 tons, not including Canada. That achievement was made possible only by stepping up production to the last notch. This year the nation's 12,000 soft coal mines will produce an estimated 600,000,000 tons.

That rate of production, in turn, was the result of progress made over a long period of time—and at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars to constantly improve mechanical equipment. In the ten-year period 1936-45, according to Mr. Battle, coal production mechanically increased 366 per cent. The number of mines using loading devices increased 164 per cent. Mine fatalities per million tons decreased 65 per cent, and non-fatal injuries went down 28.2 per cent. Progress has been made in every phase of operation.

Finally, this has made possible pay and working conditions which make the American miner the envy of the world. He gets a base rate of \$13.65 for an eight-hour day—and in underground mines about an hour and a half of this is consumed by lunch and non-productive time. These are achievements of free enterprise, free industry, free labor. That, in this dictator-ridden world, is a fact of the greatest significance.

Here in the United States need about 320,000 tons of calcium a year to put shells on their eggs. Body reserves are soon used up unless a hen gets calcium in her feed.

This Week in WASHINGTON

AS THE SECOND SESSION of the 80th congress gets under way there are two main jobs to be done... passage of the Marshall European Recovery Plan and of an anti-inflation measure to stop the flight of high prices.

Of course there are a dozen other important questions which have ramifications throughout the country such as national health, a long range farm program, federal aid to education, universal military training and others, but if this congress settles these two main questions to the satisfaction of the people in this election year, they will have done a masterful job for the American people.

The congress knows, as do the people generally, that the law proposed by Senator Taft and passed under suspension of the rules in the house in the closing hours of the special session amounted to nothing more than shadow-boxing with inflation. . . . that it was merely a gesture and a ploy. The thinking here in Washington is that before the snow melts a government control law with teeth in it will be necessary to halt disastrous inflation which would not only wreck our own economic structure but plunge all of western Europe and the rest of this hemisphere into chaos.

What the Taft law does, as was predicted and is generally realized now, is to virtually turn over to big business the control of our economy without even the protection of the anti-trust laws.

OTHER IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

which are up for consideration of this congress, but which may not see action, are laws to safeguard civil rights and to govern investigation of congressional committees. Another subject which is rapidly becoming more and more important is whether or not one member, or a small group of members, can continue to flout and ignore the will of the entire congress. Congressman John Taber of New York and his house appropriations committee has continuously done just that in both the regular and special sessions of the first session. In the special session he did it with regard to the emergency European relief. Where-

as the congress authorized the expenditure of \$97 million dollars, Mr. Taber and his committee would only appropriate \$40 million dollars.

AS THE SECOND SESSION really gets into action, it might be well to recall some of the more important acts of the first session, including ratification of the peace treaties with Italy, Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania, officially ending the war with those countries; ratification of the Inter-American treaty negotiated at Rio in August; proposal of a constitutional amendment limiting tenure of the president to two terms—eighteen of the 36 states necessary to ratify had ratified as of January 1; outlaw of partial-to-partial pay suits; passage of the Taft-Hartley labor law; removal of construction controls and passage of an amended rent control bill permitting a 15 percent increase; unification of the armed services into a single department of national defense; authorization of 390 million dollars and appropriation of 333 million dollars for foreign relief; authorization of \$97 million dollars and appropriation of 540 million dollars for interim aid to France, Italy, Austria and China in April 1, 1948; and passage of the Taft bill authorizing voluntary agreements in industry to combat high prices.

OTHER IMPORTANT LEGISLATION

of course, will be a fight to pass the Knutson tax reduction bill which has been revamped more to the Truman liking by providing more relief for small taxpayers. It may go through if the surplus in the treasury will take care of payments on the national debt and if the congress gives the President what he is asking in the budget and in the Marshall plan. The revised Knutson bill, while retaining the GOP feature of a sliding scale of percentage reductions, adopts the Democratic plan of raising exemptions from \$500 to \$600 and applies the community property principle to all states. Rep. Knutson says his bill will slash 5.6 billion dollars in tax payments and declares it is "veto proof."

One of the pressures which likely will force some drastic action on prices will be the round of labor strikes expected in the spring unless something is done to halt rising prices.

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MEN'S WORK CLOTHING

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

I see in my crystal ball, a dark omen—looks a little like the old OPA skeleton. But it won't be called any such name as OPA—it will be a very small control this time, the Boy Wonders say—just a little supervision over a few items like maybe wheat and steel, etc., Nothing more than that—just temporary, they say.

There is still something like an excess of one million on Uncle Samuel's payroll—left-overs from the big days of the Alphabet. These folks—useless excess baggage, I call 'em—have gotta keep something stirred up so it will look like they are busy versus just being on the payroll, and sittin' there with their feet on the desk. They have convinced Uncle Harry that something should be done. I must write and warn Uncle Harry again I guess—he is runnin' around with the wrong crowd.

Can you have a little control like they say, says Henry, and not have big control next? Well, Henry, I says, there used to be a fellow over in Cleburne—that's in Texas—and he said he knew how to shoot off a cannon a little at a time, and not make such a big noise. He tried it. Well, the undertaker, after doing his very best on the remains, you couldn't even then tell, who it was—or had been.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

YOU ARE "THE OTHER FELLOW"

There is a steel shortage in this country. And it is important that the American people realize what has caused it.

David Lawrence went to the heart of the matter in a recent column when he wrote, "It is estimated that 18,000,000 tons of steel have been lost to America since V-J day, due to strikes in the coal mines and steel mills. That is enough steel to meet all present shortages. It is enough steel to satisfy Europe's needs and still give America her requirements. It is more than enough to meet for nearly two years the demands of those who have been asking 10,000,000 more tons of annual steel production capacity."

The steel industry has a major expansion program underway. Much new capacity has been added in the past year. But the incredible loss caused by the strikes cannot be made up in a hurry. It isn't humanly possible to make and transport enough steel to offset the loss, except over a period of time. That is the main reason we are hungry for steel now.

Memories seem to be short. Too many of us wish to have our cake and eat also. The public, which is pretty much indifferent to strikes, thinking they affect only "the other fellow," is finding out now that it is "the other fellow."

The blow struck at the American economy by the coal and steel strikes was probably the most severe handicap to postwar recovery, and accounts in large measure for present shortages and higher prices.

NORTH NEWRY

—Mrs. L. E. Wight, Correspondent
Mrs. Bertha Davis and son, Norman, spent last week at Island Pond, Vt., with her aunt, Frances M. Davis.

Mrs. Herbert Morton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Francis Vall, in Auburn this week.

Frank C. Bennett, a life long resident of this town, passed away Friday after a long illness. Mr. Bennett was 92 years old. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the church. Rev. Ernest Sahlin officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ferren of Andover were at the farm here, Sunday.

Rodney Hanscom and Miss Brooks of Bethel were supper guests Tuesday night of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Hanscom.

Mrs. J. B. Vall returned home from the hospital the last of the week much improved in health. The Branch school opened Monday morning after a two weeks vacation.

UPTON

—Mrs. C. A. Judd, Correspondent
Edgar Bailey of Bangor was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Judd a few days last week. Kendrick Judd is on his way to Miami, Fla., driving for W. R. Locke of Lewiston.

Ban Barnett has gone to Metallic Brook Camp at South Arm as night watchman.

Malcolm and Lee Barnett were home from Metallic Brook Camp for the week end.

The Ladies' Aid held a card party at the Abbott House Saturday evening.

School opened in town Monday of this week after a two weeks vacation.

The Gould Academy students returned Monday of this week—Ruth Judd, Eunice Lane, Elaine Fuller, Agnes and Helen Angevine.

Mrs. Mabel Durkee has returned from a visit in Exeter, N. H. with relatives.

LOCKE MILLS

—Mrs. Mary Mills, Correspondent
Mrs. Adelaide Lister has returned home after visiting for several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. George Ramsdell and family at Drexel Hill, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Bean and family have returned to Massachusetts after visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bean. Francis Bean has also been at home for his Christmas vacation from the U. of M.

Gordon Roberts is out again after being confined to his home with infection in his arm.

School began Monday after being closed for the two weeks vacation. L. B. Emmons is confined to his home by illness.

The third child health conference will be held at the town hall on January 14 at 10 o'clock.

MIDDLE INTERVALE

—Mrs. Augustus Carter, Correspondent
Richard Lawrence was at his cabin Wednesday to spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Gunther and family were in Rumford one day last week.

Mrs. Willis Ward visited Mrs. Augustus Carter, Mrs. Raymond Buck and Mrs. Richard Carter on New Years Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hodgkins and two daughters of Mexico visited Mr. and Mrs. Emilie Arsenault, Sunday evening.

SOUTH BETHEL

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Knowles and daughter June of Dixfield, Mr. and Mrs. John Nowlin and children of Sunday River called on Mr. and Mrs. John Nowlin, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Tripp have moved to Norway.

Barbara and Faye Hinekey are spending a week with their sister, Mrs. Luther Tripp of Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Buck called on Mr. and Mrs. John Nowlin, Monday evening.

Several children in this vicinity have had the flu.

The Low Blueberry, also called "early sweet" or "low sweet," is the most common species of low-bush blueberry found in Maine.

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CAPITOL STUFF

by Governor Herman Hildreth
Augusta, Jan. 5.—It has been the intent of our Division of Veterans Affairs to deal with the problems of our Maine veterans with a minimum of red tape and delay.

Indicative of our success in that direction is the manner in which Fred Rowell and his staff have handled World War Assistance cases.

Formerly, this program came under the supervision of the Department of Health and Welfare. During the war we separated veterans' activities from the Health and Welfare Department and set up a Division of Veterans Affairs. This department was made a permanent part of State government at the last session of the Maine Legislature.

It was in September that the Department of Veterans Affairs took over World War Assistance cases. Since that time the Department has reached the position where it can grant immediate aid to the needy family of any veteran entering a hospital or otherwise disabled. In addition the Department is in a position to keep a current check on each World War Assistance case.

At the present time the Department is expending nearly \$18,000 per month on World War Assistance cases.

Our World War Assistance program is unique. It operates for the benefit of those veterans of World War I and II who require hospital treatment or who are disabled and who depend on weekly pay checks. During the period of their hospitalization our Department of Veter-

ans Affairs sees to it that their families receive a weekly income. This is not a loan, but an outright grant.

The evil of bond issues to finance our highway program was clearly indicated this week when I conferred with Frank Carpenter, our State Treasurer.

In discussing state finances, specifically the rate at which we are decreasing our state debt, it was brought out that Dec. 1, 1913, the State issued \$300,000 of highway bonds. These bonds will mature September 1, 1963. In those years the State will not only repay the loan of \$300,000, but likewise \$246,000 in interest charges. In other words, it cost us \$2.00 for every \$1.00 worth of highway that was constructed under that \$300,000. In comparison, under our present pay-as-you-go policy every inch of highway constructed by the State last summer, as well as all maintenance costs, was paid for out of current revenues.

FAST ARCHER KILLS BEAR

RHINELANDER, Wisc.—Lester Lange shot a bear three times with two arrows during last autumn.

Lange, with eight other archery enthusiasts, sighted a large, black bear and all let fly at the animal.

One of Lange's arrows missed. One stuck in the bear's hip. The bear ran. Lange took out after him.

Lange overtook the bear, passed him on the run, snatching the arrow from the bear's hip as he passed. The hunter ran until he gained a lead, then turned and shot the bear between the eyes.

Game Warden Harley McKeague said the bear weighed 300 pounds.

—Montreal Star

Your BRAIN BUDGET

- 1.—How many Presidents did not reside in the White House? (a) 1, (b) 2, (c) 3, (d) 4.
- 2.—Tangier, haven for Europeans dodging money controls, is located, (a) Africa, (b) Asia, (c) South Seas, (d) Cuba.
- 3.—What is the amount of money in circulation in the United States? (a) 8 billion dollars, (b) 18 billion dollars, (c) 28 billion dollars, (d) 38 billion dollars.
- 4.—Which of the following statements is correct? (a) More men live to be 100 than women. (b) Twice as many men live to be 100 than women. (c) More women live to be 100 than men. (d) Twice as many women live to be 100 than men.
- 5.—Mississippi was admitted to the Union in 1817. When did Denver become the capital of Colorado? (a) 1817, (b) 1827, (c) 1847, (d) 1867.

ANSWERS

- 1.—(a) All Presidents of the United States except George Washington lived in the White House.
- 2.—(a) Tangier is an internationalized zone in North Africa.
- 3.—(c) More than 28 billion dollars, or \$198 for each person.
- 4.—(d) Twice as many women live to be 100 as men.
- 5.—(d) December 9, 1867.

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VETERANS QUESTION BOX

Q. I have a question regarding the National Weekly Newspaper Service, 1615 Eye St. N. W., Washington 6, D. C., to answer questions pertaining to servicemen and veterans. These questions will be answered in this column if addressed as above. No replies can be made by mail, but this paper will print answers to all questions received.

Q. I had a brother who enlisted in the navy in the first World War. His name was Ralph Fellows and he enlisted somewhere in the state of Ohio—Akron, I believe, is the name of the city. Before the end of World War I his name appeared among the list of the dead at the city hall in Vincennes, Indiana, his home town. No notice of his death was sent to his parents, however, or any of his papers. How can we get these papers and a notice of his death? Also is there any insurance or bonus money of any kind that should have been paid to his parents or heirs? The father is still living, also several brothers and three sisters. The father is old and blind and would be very glad to know what happened to his son—Mrs. R. F., Grayville, Illinois.

A. Our suggestion would be to write to the chief of naval personnel, department of the navy, Washington, D. C., and explain the situation. Give the deceased's full name and serial number if you know it. Am sure they will run down the facts for you, including the matter of inheritance.

Q. I would like to contact by letter some one who served with my husband in Germany. He was killed April 7, 1945. His address was Pfc. Wilmont C. Brewer, 3495820, Com-

pany, A 101st Infantry, APO 25, New York, New York. My address is Mrs. Jewell Brewer, No. 1 Academy Place, Nashville 10, Tennessee.

A. If there are any buddies who served with Private Brewer in Company A of the 101st Infantry they might write to Mrs. Brewer at the above address.

Q. Is there any way in which children of a deceased war veteran, killed in action, can get education at the expense of the government?

A. No, there is no such law providing for education of children of deceased veterans at this time.

Q. I would like to know if the army will accept colored volunteers now. If so, what is the shortest term of enlistment? I was discharged in May 1947 and have started on my GI bill of rights. If I go back in the army at the time of my discharge could I start where I left off? Or will I be eligible for the GI bill of rights again?—J. H. A., Manson, North Carolina.

A. Yes, the army is accepting colored volunteers and the shortest enlistment period is two years. With reference to your rights under the GI bill the law requires that you avail yourself of these provisions within four years after your discharge from service in World War II and complete your benefits within 9 years from July 25, 1947, or official end of the war. If you have started your GI education or other benefit, as set out in your letter, and complete it before nine years from July 25 this year it would appear another hitch or enlistment of two years would not interfere with your rights under the GI bill. Suggest that you contact your nearest office of veterans administration.

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LOOKING AHEAD
By GEORGE S. BENSON
President—National College
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An Echo Testifies

President Truman recently suggested that price controls might have to be used to meet the present emergency. Here is a bit of history. It is an echo from government managed economy that keeps on testifying to the ill effects of government managed economy. During the war the government kept prices of crude oil at an abnormal low. This column called attention to that fact then, indicating there would be a future shortage of oil.

Wild-cat operators and small companies find most of the new pools and sell much of the crude oil. But prices during the war kept wild-catters from buying adequate equipment. It didn't pay. Machinery and wages kept going up, but the price of oil was held low. Instead of buying new rigs for new wells, oil men removed old rigs from low producing wells that would have been kept in production if the price of oil had been favorable.

How to Stall Industry

There was less searching for new fields, because oil prices were so out of line with cost of labor and machinery. The risk was too often a losing proposition. This unwise control continued so long that a grave shortage developed in oil field equipment, in all well pipe lines, and even in refineries. Now we are reaping the harvest. Many will go out this winter. Gasoline may be short in some areas, and industrial fuel scarce.

One big operator said to me during that period: "To help win a war I am operating present equipment at full capacity. But I am making only about 1/2 of 1 per cent profit on my investment. Consequently, I am not spending new money for expansion of my business. A man can't risk his capital when there is only a chance of 1/2 of 1 per cent profit even if the venture proves entirely successful, and 100 per cent loss if it fails, as many of them do in the oil business."

Bad Picture Now

On November 12 Oscar L. Chapman, Under Secretary of Interior, told the American Petroleum Institute in Chicago: "We face critical times, critical for all of us, and for the competitive freedom of the petroleum industry. This winter for the first time in its peacetime history, the oil industry will be unable to meet the full needs of the American people."

The oil people may come through with another miracle as they did during the war. They may actually meet the demand, even though this well-trained government official thinks they cannot. I am awfully slow to put a limit on what free men to a free country can do. But it must be said that the present threat of fuel shortage results from the abnormally low price that government maintained on crude oil during the war and thereafter.

The Danger Is There

This should underscore the danger of giving the government power to set prices. Even now, such power can be misused. It could happen that price control now might well obstruct the building of homes, hospitals, and factories—five years from now. Free markets and free prices are the only sane controls. These have given America higher wages for workers, better income for farmers, and better living conditions than any other system. Let us have the courage of good citizenship to keep freedom and do what we know we should do.

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HORSE SENSE

By DEWITT EMERY
(Editor's Note: DeWitt Emery is president of the National Small Business Men's Association.)

"Will Dollars Save the World?" is a 60 page booklet by Henry Hazlitt, has just been released. This booklet contains more down-to-earth, horse sense concerning American aid to Europe than anything else I have read. Here's a sample:

"This brings us to a third principle, which is that help from outside to any country goes eventually to relieve the LEAST urgent needs which the government of that country then decides to meet."

"This follows from the ability to divert resources, and from the fact that any country meets first what it considers its most urgent needs—or rather what those in power in that country consider its most urgent needs. Those who tell us, for example, that if we do not send food to the Yugoslavian government, we are starving its people, forget that Yugoslavia conscripts an enormous standing army from men who would otherwise work on farms to produce food. To the extent that Yugoslavia's food problem is solved by outside gifts, it releases the manpower and financial resources to maintain this military establishment."

"When we keep this elementary principle in mind, we recognize how unimportant and even low futile is to require that our loans to foreign governments be used only for certain purposes. We could, for example, insist that our funds should be used only to buy foodstuffs. But to the extent that we relieve the borrowing country of the need of supplying its own foodstuffs, we merely release resources in that country to supply some less urgent need. Hence it is pointless to insist that the proceeds of our loan should go only for some specified purpose."

To the extent that we relieve a foreign government of the need of providing for this purpose, it can use the released resources to increase social security payments, to raise salaries of civil servants, to expand its military establishment, to finance anti-capitalist propaganda, or for any other purpose that it thinks desirable.

"This principle is recognized quickly enough, when dealing with individuals. If you make a loan to a family that keeps a car for pleasure, nothing is gained by the assurance that the particular dollars you have loaned have gone only to buy food, and that the automobile was bought and run with the family's own earnings. Even if you could verify by the numbers on the bills that your particular dollars were spent only for food, you would know that your loan was being used in effect to keep the car—because the family would otherwise have to give up the car and use its own earnings for the food."

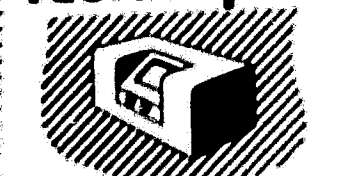
"Yet this elementary principle is constantly overlooked in international relations. People feel somehow assured by the statement that our loans or gifts have been earmarked only for special purposes. Unless we undertake to control ALL the expenditures of the borrowing country, however, our particular contribution becomes in practice an unidentifiable part of the general pool out of which that country's expenditures are made, like the last bucketful of water after it has been poured into an already partly-filled tub."

I feel sure all of us want to help Europe as much as we can. I am equally certain, however, that we all want our aid to be effective. We don't want to pour any more money down a "rat hole" as we did the three and three-quarters billions loaned to Britain.

Mr. Hazlitt's ideas on how our aid to Europe can be handled effectively make an awful lot of sense to me and that's why I urge all my readers to get a copy of "Will Dollars Save the World?" and read it carefully. This booklet is available at seventy-five cents per copy from The Foundation for Economic Education—a non-profit organization—Irvington-on-Hudson, New York.

There are 24,184 farms in Maine, according to the 1945 census of Agriculture.

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STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN — (Soundphoto) — King Gustav V, of Sweden (left) pictured shaking hands with Dr. Carl F. Cori and his wife Dr. Gerty Cori of Washington U., St. Louis, Mo., at the brilliant ceremony in Stockholm's Concert Hall, where the King bestowed Nobel prizes for 1947. Dr. Cori and his doctor wife received half share in the prize for Physiology and Medicine for the "Discovery of the Process in the Catalytic Metabolism of Glycogen" or animal starch. The other half of the prize went to Dr. Bernardo A. Houssay of Buenos Aires.

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Miss Ruth Hutchinson of West Bethel spent a few days last week with Miss Barbara Keenan.

There were 32 that attended the party at the school house Friday evening. All enjoyed games and were pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Elton Coolidge and Miss Joyce Cyr with guitar music and songs. There is to be a box supper Jan. 16.

Miss Roberta Gibson was at her home over the week end.

Frank Albert Gibson spent a few days last week with his sister at New Gloucester.

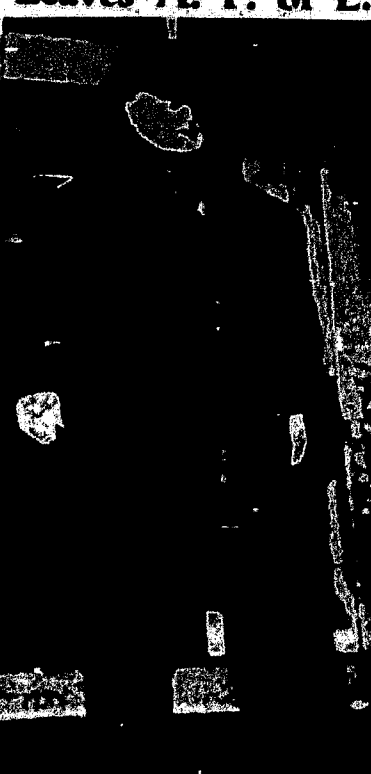
AMERICAN INDUSTRY MUST BE EFFICIENT

James D. Francis, head of a large coal company, succinctly described the basic difference between the American coal industry and the British coal industry, as follows: Britain, with a cartel system, could make a profit without modern mines, methods, and equipment, he said. "America, with a competitive system, could not. Only the efficient, well-managed companies have been successful."

Here is the essential distinction between free enterprise as opposed to systems which permit the creation of monopolies and semi-monopolies, dominated either by government or by private corporations which are given the sanction of government. And the difference in the practical results of the two systems are equally striking. In Britain, for instance, coal miners have long been ill paid. Working conditions have been far under the American standard. The cost of coal to the consumer has been high. And, when the Labor government socialized the mines, and established an absolute government monopoly, no improvement occurred—and in some direction matters got still worse.

In this country, on the other hand, the coal industry is perfectly capable of meeting the demand. Shortages that have occurred were the consequence of the 1946 strikes which deprived the country of 100,000,000 tons. Production per worker is high due to the progress made in mechanizing the mines and reducing the

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Soundphoto)—John L. Lewis leaving his office after taking his 450,000-united mine workers out of the American Federation of Labor for the second time in the last ten years.

accident rate. And the miner, with an average wage of \$77 a week, is the highest worker in any comparable industry.

The superiority of free enterprise doesn't need to be supported by rhetoric. Its finest argument is found in the production figures, and in the earning power of the American people.

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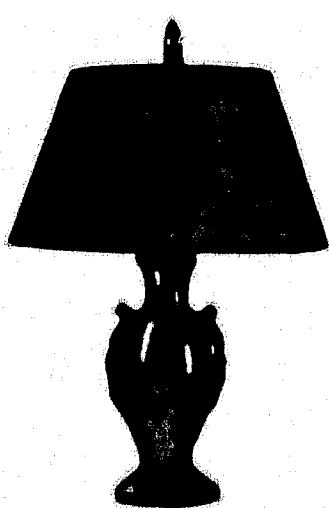
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FIRST LADY . . . Miss Mildred Helen Stevens, Indianapolis, who became the bride of Gov. Thomas J. Herbert, Ohio. She was secretary to the personal physician of Ohio's governor.

JACKSON-SILVER POST NO. 68

1948 started off with a bang for the Jackson-Silver Post and Unit as they met for their meetings New Year's night, Jan. 1. Thirty members started the year right by attending the busy session. Three visitors were welcomed, Miss Cynthia Allen of Buckfield; Basil Green, Bryant Pond and Owen Morgan, Greenwood.

The Post is happy to have reached its membership objective. County Commander Harold Marshall says it's the first post in Oxford County to enroll its quota. Indications are that these Legionnaires will far exceed last year's membership as many renewals are promised.

The Auxiliary is lagging a bit, they still need eight more dues to equal last year's enrollment. If these are received before the last of January the Unit can win a Department Citation. Secretary Bertha Mason will send you a membership card at your convenience—reminder, the dues are 25 cents more this year—but it includes the National News Magazine.

A membership supper will be served to both the Legionnaires and their ladies Jan. 15 at 6:30 in the Legion Home. Marlon Farrand, Ro-

wena Dunham, and Annie Kimball will have charge and Iola Marshall, Edith Littlefield, Ruth Morgan and Cathryn Lovejoy make up the dining room committee. The Andrews sisters will be the waitresses.

Service Officer Fred Clough of Togus will be the speaker and will answer any questions the veterans may wish to ask him. He really does know all the answers.

Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Ida Gravelin, who was recently made a life member, present the Unit a check for \$5.00 for its Rehabilitation work.

Child Welfare is a major project on the Legion's program. A family in unfortunate circumstances has been found, and the local group has made an attempt to aid them temporarily, while waiting for additional help from the Department.

The Legion's all-veteran basketball team played the V.F.W.'s team from Auburn in Bryant Pond Jan. 6. Our boys haven't had too good luck but expect to do much better in the new year.

The evening closed with dancing, a preview of the Saturday night dances to follow.

First Dance a Success

Jan. 3 found the Legion Orchestra playing to a full house as approximately 100 couples tried out the new Legion Hall dance floor. Prizes were won as follows: \$10, E. T. Roberts; \$3, Mrs. Capitola Knight; \$2, Robert Lowe, Bethel; \$1, to Barbara Wheeler, Bethel; \$1, Spot Waltz, Carlton and Lillian Cole.

The refreshment committee for January 1st: President Rena Howe, Marlon Farrand and Annie Kimball.

Commander John Howe announced more prizes will be given away next Saturday night.

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THREE GENERATIONS OF POSTAL MEN . . . Jesse M. Donaldson, new postmaster general, right, is congratulated by his son, Jesse M. Donaldson, Jr., left, assistant post office inspector of Chicago, after he took oath of office. The cabinet officer's grandson, Jimmy, 4, is the youngest serving as a model for a mailman's hat.

The orchestra, all members of the local organization except two, is made up as follows: piano, Cella Lamb; saxophones, Lester Tebbets and John Howe; clarinet, Owen Morgan; drums, Basil Green, violin, Cecil Kimball; accordion and trombone, Mr and Mrs Cleveland Lovejoy.

Sewalls to Speak
Jan. 20, the West Paris Post and Unit will entertain the Oxford County Council. Ex-governor and Mrs. Sumner Sewall will be the guest speakers. The Sewalls first came to West Paris in 1942, to honor Fannie Cummings who was then serving as State President.

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Mrs. Rodney Howe, Correspondent

Chalmers Newton from Fairfield was a guest of Mr and Mrs S B Newton over the week-end.

Larry Kimball returned to the home of Mr and Mrs Robert Hastings Monday night after spending his vacation with his parents, Mr and Mrs L D Kimball, at Lewiston.

Mr and Mrs Lester Coolidge and son, William, were callers in East Bethel, Monday.

The doctor was summoned to attend Louville Farwell, Wednesday. Lawrence Crockett is ill with rheumatic fever.

Lewis Curtis, USN, returned to duty Tuesday after enjoying a leave at his home.

Mrs Helen Newmarker and daughter, Ann, who have spent their vacation visiting relatives in Vermont, Connecticut, and Westbrook, returned home Sunday morning.

School commenced at the East Bethel school Monday morning.

Gordon Howe of Springfield, Mass., returned Monday night to the home of Mr and Mrs Rodney Howe.



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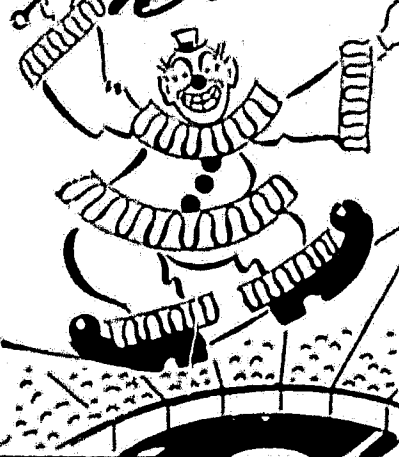
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Second Chance

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CHAPTER IV

WHAT HAD GONE BEFORE... Lisbeth had lived with her mother, Gay, who had been going with him. While visiting Casey Devine, fashion authority, Lisbeth had seen the beautiful, slender, and elegant woman who was the plan was rejected by her mother. Lisbeth returned from a date with Jon and told her mother all about it.

Lisbeth flushed slightly. "I don't know why he came so early."

"It usually indicates impatience for the evening to begin," Gay teased. But almost at once she grew serious. "His father is Carter Everton, head of the Everton Harvester Company."

"Yes, I know. Jon was telling me how his great-grandfather..."

"The Everton Harvester Company," Gay went on, evincing not the slightest interest in Jon's great-grandfather, "is one of the largest concerns of the sort in the country."

"Is it?" Lisbeth asked, yawning. "You're tired, aren't you, darling?" Gay's tone was solicitous. "Better run along to bed."

Lisbeth leaned forward and kissed her mother, then groped beside the bed for her slippers. She had reached the door when Gay said, "Oh, I almost forgot! I dropped in to see Casey tonight. She's feeling much better. In fact, she's planning a small dinner party tomorrow night for the Evertons, and we're invited."

Lisbeth said, "Oh, nice!" and then sleepily, "Good night, darling."

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The door to Lisbeth's room closed on her and Gay contemplated the one to her bed. But long after Lisbeth was asleep her mother lay there in the cool dark, thinking. Making careful plans for the next day, she decided that she would not go to bed until she had met Carter Everton. But she had a hunch, a hunch so strong that it amounted to almost a premonition.

Casey Devine's parties were never dull, perhaps because Casey herself was such a real and forthright person. Her wit was unerring, if sometimes caustic, her food excellent. And Casey, deciding on a guest list, was like a chemist who combines uncombustible mixtures and lives to enjoy the results.

With the exception of the Evertons, the guests at this particular party were all old acquaintances. Conversation flowed easily, and so congenial and stimulating was the company that both Carter Everton and his son felt almost at ease as though they, too, were on familiar terms with these pleasant people. Jon and Lisbeth, younger than the others and somewhat aloof in a small, intimate world of their own creating, paid little attention to anyone else. And Carter Everton, as the meal progressed, found himself almost equally engrossed in the lovely, vivacious woman who was Lisbeth's mother.

He was a tall man, spare and lit, gray haired and with gray eyes as keen and clear as his son's. He was, Gay decided, somewhere in his fifties. The assurance of success sat visibly upon him. What ever he wanted he could have. And yet he was lonely. Gay sensed loneliness around him like an aura, sensed in him, too, the same black despair she sometimes felt when she looked at Lisbeth, the bitter awareness of life rushing on too fast, too fast that was what had prompted this trip with her son. A longing for companionship. His wife had been dead for years and he a long time before that.

Gay Decided That She Would Marry Jon's Dad

Gay thought, "This last going to be hard. Not nearly so hard as I imagined. And she bent her lovely face back a little to hear what Carter Everton was saying, and laughed softly when he finished telling her she looked on him."

Lisbeth wasn't sure just when her attempt at wandering woman away when Jon stuck in a story, was caught by the unmistakable

attitude of Carter Everton toward her mother. Unmistakable, because she had seen so many men look at Gay like that before. Not that you could blame them. Not that you could even blame Carter Everton. Gay was so fragile, so flowerlike in her soft green frock. And she was smiling up at Jon's father.

Lisbeth thought, trying to quell the unreasonable panic that roared in her, "I'm imagining things. It's just that she likes him and wants him to like her for my sake—because Jon and I... It can't be more than that. It mustn't be!" Her thoughts were a whirling confusion, without form or pattern. She realized that Jon had spoken to her, and tried to recapture what he had said. Something about Bermuda.

She became aware all at once of Gay's startled glance resting on Jon, of Gay's voice, asking, "Are you going to Bermuda?"

Jon said, "Why yes. Haven't Dad told you? We're sailing the first of the week."

Gay's lips remained parted ever so slightly, revealing perfect



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teeth, indicating utter amazement. She said, "But—what an odd coincidence! I'm sailing next week for Bermuda, too!"

Lisbeth could never remember the next few moments very well. Fortunately everyone's attention was riveted on Gay, and no one noticed the stunned bewilderment in her daughter's face. Even Jon stared at the lovely woman across the table and by the time his attention returned to Lisbeth she had her expressions under control.

Vaguely, through that first thick haze of astonishment, she had heard Carter Everton exclaim, "A very pleasant coincidence, Mrs. Everett. One that makes me look forward to this vacation more than ever."

Then Jon was asking, eagerness and puzzlement warring in his direct gray gaze. "But Lisbeth—your coming too, of course? Why didn't you tell me?"

Lisbeth managed a faint smile. "But I'm not going, Jon. Gay and I don't always take vacations together. And it didn't occur to me that you'd be sailing at the same time."

She hated Gay for making her lie. For making her lie to Jon, of all people.

The rest of Casey's party was lost on Lisbeth. Afterward, she recalled that there had been a table of contract, that she had danced with Jon, and with others, to the music of Casey's radio. She remembered nothing her mother and Carter Everton, sitting on a deep couch utterly absorbed in each other.

After what seemed to Lisbeth like an eternity, she and Gay were at home.

Gay stripped off her mink coat at though nothing had happened. But her eyes were apprehensive. She said, "It was a lovely party, wasn't it?"

Lisbeth's face was stony. "What are you going to do?"

Gay went into her bedroom and Lisbeth followed her. Gay hung her coat on a padded hanger, put it away. She sat on the side of her bed.

She said, "I'm going to Ber-

muda. Is there anything reprehensible about that?"

"It was meeting Jon's father made you decide. Why?" Lisbeth demanded. "What are you planning?"

Gay's eyes blazed suddenly. Her voice was brittle with fury. "I won't be pinned down like that! Made to explain. It's ridiculous! If I want to take a trip, I will!"

As abruptly as it had risen, her rage receded. Leaving her crumpled, there on the satin coverlet, leaving her small and shaken and pathetic. There were tears on her lashes. Her voice trembled. "Heaven knows, I need a rest, a change. All this trouble of Bob's..."

"I've been under a terrific strain for weeks. And cruises are always more amusing, if one knows someone on shipboard. Tonight, when I heard the Evertons were going, it just suddenly occurred to me that Bermuda was what I needed, too. So I decided quite on the spur of the moment..."

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Gay's sassy plaintive voice went on. But Lisbeth wasn't listening. Her chin was still high, her gaze cold, but the stern young determination had gone out of her. Leaving only despair and a bleak realization of the uselessness of argument. Something else had gone out of her, too. Some measure of confidence in her mother's ability to believe whatever Gay told her, no matter how illogical it sounded. She didn't believe her mother now. She knew Gay was shading the truth, altering facts to her own advantage.

Yet somehow she couldn't accuse her. She could only plead, "Gay, don't do it! You can't! You mustn't!"

Gay rose, then, calmly collected, entirely in control of the situation. She laid her hand affectionately on Lisbeth's shoulder. She said, "You're tired, dear. You're being melodramatic and absurd, even a little insulting, over nothing. Go to bed now."

Lisbeth insisted dully, knowing it was no use. "We can't afford it. Where will you get the money? You owe so much now..."

Gay said indulgently, "Don't worry, darling. I'll manage. I'll sell something. The vacation will do me a world of good. You'll see. I'm only sorry I can't take you along, but that's impossible. If we both went it would look too much like flight. The shops where I have accounts won't get really nasty so long as things seem as usual."

Gay Returned Engaged To Jon's Father

Lisbeth turned blindly, accepting her mother's hand on her shoulder, the sound of her coolly calculating voice. She said thickly, "You think I'd go—no matter how badly you wanted me? You think I'd have any part in this?"

It was the middle of March when Gay came home from Bermuda. She hadn't notified anyone of her arrival, so the first hint Lisbeth had of it was the sight of Gay herself, radiantly lovely, standing in the hall with a taxi driver behind her, loaded down with smart luggage.

(To be continued)

Chicago Boat Show



CHICAGO—Ingeborg Jorgensen, 16, represents the spirit of boating as she heralds the Fifteenth Annual Chicago National Boat Show to be held at Navy Pier January 31 February 4, 1948. Boats of every description, from car-top canoes to yachts, and every type of boating accessory from manufacturers all over the nation will be exhibited.

"EASY DOES IT"

By HELEN HALE

IF CAKE BECOMES DRY before it is all eaten, cut in thick wedges and toast. Spread with jam and

whipped cream and serve as a dessert. Sponge cake served toasted and lightly buttered is a delicious snack with a hot beverage. Juice in fruit pies may be thickened by the addition of flour, soft bread crumbs, fine crack-

er crumbs or tapioca.

If you are using canned blueberries for pie, use 1 cup of cranberries to every 3 cups of blueberries if you want a pie that eats as though it were made of fresh berries.

PREVENT THE CRUST shrinking down in the pan by having the shell crust too dry to form a ball. Roll together instead of mixing together. Have crust well over lip or flat edge of the pan. Bake in a very hot oven. Soak raisins before adding to bread dough so that they will not draw moisture away from the bread.

Dough may be raised quickly by placing bowl or container in a larger one with warm, not hot, water in it. Grease top of dough and cover closely.

TOP CAUSTS OF FIEN will brown nicely if spread with a mixture of 1 teaspoon sugar, 1 teaspoon flour and 1/4 teaspoon butter. Dot with butter.

Bread and roll baking may be hurried by increasing the amount of yeast used. For bread, use 2 yeast cakes to one pint of liquid. Four teaspoons of vinegar also helps speed the process.

For lighter cakes, grease only the bottom of the pan and then dust with flour. You can always run a knife around the edges of the pan.

SUGAR AND BUTTER or shortening will cream easily if you add 1 tablespoon of boiling water to the mixture.

Niculus will have a brown crust if brushed with milk before baking. An alarm clock can take the place of a time clock near the range. Simply set the alarm at the time when your baking or cooking is scheduled to be done.

Canned cherry, peach or apricot pie takes on a nice flavor if you add a few drops of almond extract to the filling.

week in Rumford.

Dana Morrill has gone to spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Korhonen and family have moved to Brownfield.

Mrs. Allen Walker is confined to her home by illness.

GREENWOOD CITY

Kello Saarinen returned to Boston on Sunday after a vacation of two weeks which he spent with his mother, Mrs. Annie Saarinen.

Totvo Lelto was in town over the week end.

Alta Millett visited her aunt, Mrs. Dwight Holden, at Paris, a few days during her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morgan called at Helen Curtis', Tubbs District, on Sunday.

Clyde Morgan received an eye injury this week while chopping in the woods.

Harold Holt of South Paris called on his son, Leona, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Helen Curtis and son, John, called on Mrs. Clyde Morgan on Thursday.

Successful Parenthood

BY

MRS. CATHERINE CONRAD EDWARDS

Associate Editor, Parents' Magazine

Guard Children's Eyes By Regular Check-Up

NATURE has gone to unusual lengths in protecting the eyes—tears for cleansing, eye lashes to keep out foreign particles, the overhanging forehead to keep hard knocks from reaching the delicate eye—but there is nothing to stand between the eyes and their greatest enemy, misuse, except intelligent care. Parents are alone responsible for the misuse of a baby's eyes. They are also indirectly responsible for bad eye hygiene later on if they fail to teach their children the value of good eyesight and how to preserve it.

Never leave a baby lying in the carriage to look up into the light. Of course he will blink and use other instinctive means for shutting out part of the brightness, but you could spare him this wasteful use of energy by keeping the carriage hood over his eyes and the carriage itself turned away from the sun. Even during the daily sun bath shade his eyes. In the house, just because the baby is fascinated by a bright light do not let him face it, or for that matter lie for long looking at a bright wall. In decorating the nursery keep the baby's eyes in mind and choose a soft pastel color for the walls.

It takes the average baby three months or longer to learn to focus the eyes so a few cross-eyed glances needn't alarm you. However if after a few weeks either eye or both eyes

pull inward or outward at the same time, better see an eye specialist who will prescribe exercises for strengthening the weaker eye.

Babies are born with far-sighted eyes. Their eyeballs are shorter and flatter from front to back than those of an adult. As the child grows the eyeball rounds out until it becomes virtually spherical in shape. Because of this immaturity of the eye you do not give a small child toys or games which require close vision any more than you confront his immature brain with problems beyond his years. One shudders to think of the little girls who were once forced to do needlework before their eyes were ready for it because "sewing a fine seam" was a first step in feminine accomplishments.

A careful checkup of the child's eyes should be made before entering school, and frequently thereafter until visual maturity is reached. (Remember that a child can't tell you if he has a visual defect because he doesn't know what 100 per cent sight is.) Not all children's eyes are ready for reading at school age. The eyeball may not only still be too immature in shape, but the child may not have learned as yet to use his eyes in unison. Correct alignment is as necessary for the eyes as it is for the wheels of an automobile. So if your child is slow in reading he may need special visual training rather than extra drill with words and sentences.

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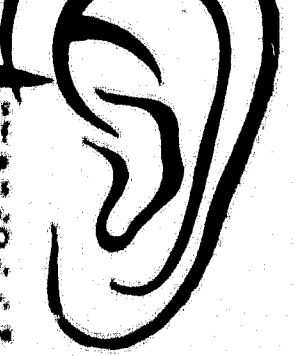
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NORTH WOODSTOCK

Mrs. G. James Knight, Cor-

tafence North has moved to his new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ricker and family recently spent several days with their friends and family.

Victor H. Gordon of Rumford called at Mrs. Merle Hardy's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Yates and son were at South Paris one afternoon last week.

Ed Wiley and Emily M. of Manchester were visiting and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wiley last week.

It has been a busy day for the people of North Woodstock.

WEST BETHEL

Mr. Lawrence Kendall, USMC, re-

turned to Quantico, Va., Saturday after spending a week at his home here.

George Gilbert who has been at the USMC hospital for surgery returned home Sunday. Mrs. Gilbert spent a few days with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morrill of Mason were here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Kendall and family also Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Low.

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That notice thereof be all persons interested, by a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen, a newspaper published at Bethel in said County, that they may appear at a Court to be held at said Paris on the third Tuesday of January 1948, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon, and be heard thereon as cause.

Wallace Edgar Coolidge, Bethel, deceased, Petitioner. Appointment of Mary Jane O. as administratrix of the estate of said deceased without bond, by Mary Jane Coolidge, widow.

Harry E. Jordan, late of Bethel, deceased, First and final account presented for allowance by A. Jordan, executrix.

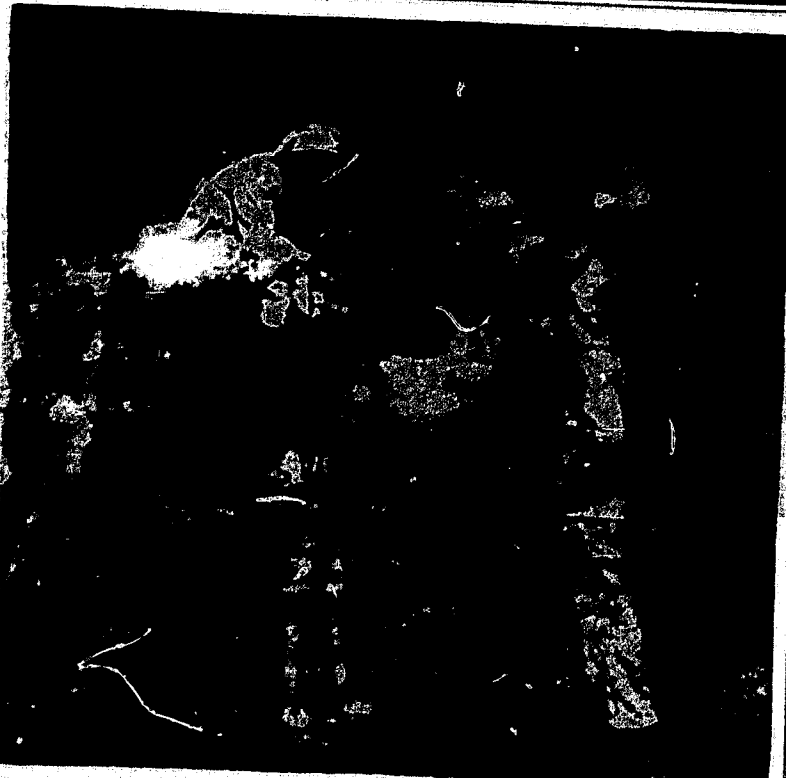
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Nathan A. Stearns, late of Bethel, deceased, Will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Karl J. Stearns as executor of said will, presented by Karl J. Stearns, the executor named.

Fred L. Edwards, late of Bethel, deceased, First account presented for allowance by Susan G. Edwards, executrix.

Witness, Albert J. Stearns, J. of said Court at Paris, this Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

W. EARLE R. CLIFFORD, Notary



TRAFFIC PROBLEMS . . . A polite but firm traffic warning is given by an Egyptian officer to a Sudanese merchant enroute to Cairo for trespassing and "rubber-necking" aboard his camel over the newly excavated area in front of the 5,000 year old Sphinx at Giza, Egypt. More than 100,000 Egyptians worked 20 years to build the Sphinx and Pyramids.

Laff of the Week



"And if you don't find the treasure, you can always sell the map to some other sucker."

DISEASE OF GOVERNMENT

The worst problem confronting the world today is what might be called, "the disease of government."

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STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court held at said Paris, in and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, from day to day from the third Tuesday of said December. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris on the third Tuesday of January A.D. 1948, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Wallace Edgar Coolidge, late of Bethel, deceased, Petitioner for the appointment of Mary Jane Coolidge as administratrix of the estate of said deceased without bond, presented by Mary Jane Coolidge, widow.

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EARLE R. CLIFFORD, Register

since the dawn of time has been the story of man's struggle against oppression. Every school child is required to study the great milestones in that struggle: the signing of the Magna Carta, the writing of the Declaration of Independence, and the rest. All the revolutions ever fought have marked the attempts of peoples to free themselves from the chains of emperors, dictators and corrupt and cruel governments.

Now almost all of Europe and much of the rest of the world have turned back the clock. They have, willingly or otherwise, succumbed once more to super-government. They have apparently placed the goal of dubious physical security ahead of that of freedom. They have accepted the disciplinary weapons of dictatorship—the whipping post, the execution block, the concentration camp, slave labor. Even England, though she still clings to the basic civil liberties, has gone a long way down the road that can end only in spiritual darkness and the submergence of the individual spirit.

In the United States, we have gone farther along the same road than most of us realize. We have created an enormous, ever-growing bureaucracy which saps our energies and our wealth. Worst of all, we have largely lost the definite distinctions established by the Constitution between the three branches of government: executive, judicial and legislative. The result of this is more and more "administrative government" which is simply supplanting a government of law by a government of men.

Nations, like individuals, can learn by example. Europe is showing us what happens when we turn to government to give us "security" and, necessarily, make government the dominant factor in our lives. This is the way that tyrants come to power, and the process has not changed in two thousand years of recorded history. If we permit it, it can happen here as well.

Four ways to save money on meals are buy the cheaper cuts of meat; buy commercial and utility grades; buy variety meats, such as liver, heart, and kidney, once or twice a week; and serve poultry, fish, eggs, cheese, and dried peas and beans often as meat substitutes.

HORATIO ALGER AT WHITE HOUSE

by GEORGE PECK

The ghost of Horatio Alger has paid a visit to the White House. Who says that the little fellow no longer has a chance in America? Not President Truman, at any rate. He proved that he does not entertain any such notion when last November he appointed Jesse M. Donaldson, Postmaster-General to succeed Robert E. Hannegan.

In making this appointment President Truman shattered tradition because the office of Postmaster-General has long been a political "plum" to be handed out by the President to some henchman who had well served him and his political party—all too often to an appointee with few or no qualifications and no previous experience to fit him for the job.

But Jesse M. Donaldson was distinctly a "ranker." He started as a part-time postal clerk in 1903. His duties consisted of carrying the mail bags to the railroad station in the small village where his father was the Postmaster.

On May 15, 1906, he climbed the first rung of the Post Office ladder, when he became a letter carrier at the munificent salary of \$50 per month. It is interesting to note by way of comparison, as Postmaster-General he will receive \$15,000 a year.

In 1915 he was assigned as Post Office Inspector in the Kansas City division where he remained for 15 years. In 1932, he became Inspector in charge of the Chattanooga division. The following year found him in Washington as Deputy Second Assistant Postmaster General; in 1936 he was promoted to Deputy First Assistant. Then, in 1943, he was appointed to the highest job a "ranker" has heretofore been able to attain—that of First Assistant Postmaster-General. Now at the age of 62, after 44 years of faithful and efficient service in the Post Office Department, he becomes its "boss" man. I miss my guess if he doesn't do the best job of administering the Post Office that has been to date.

President Truman is to be congratulated on this appointment. At one stroke he has done all of the following things:

1—He has put a man in charge of Uncle Sam's mails who has spent a life time learning how to handle that most important post.

2—He has taken the Postmaster-Generalship out of the political patronage class.

3—He has rewarded a man for long devotion to duty.

4—He has boosted the morale of every Post Office employee. Bolstered by the knowledge that they can now aspire to the highest rung on the Post Office ladder, employees of that department should now be much better public servants. So, we the people, win too.

There should be a decided improvement in the postal service and who knows but what Postmaster-General Donaldson may even achieve a miracle and win the undying gratitude of the American people by giving us a cut in the postal rates.

And perhaps the outstanding thing in connection with this Truman appointment is that the new Postmaster-General is not a native of Missouri. Mr. Donaldson was born, was raised and started his Post Office career in Illinois.

GAMBLERS GENERALLY LOST

Do you want to die in one of the most horrible manners possible? It's an easy trick. Just take chances with fire and, sooner or later, your number will come up.

More than 10,000 Americans roast that way each year. Thousands more are disfigured for life. Fire is an extremely efficient killer and maimer.

The ways to take chances are legion. Smoking in bed is one of the best. So is doing home cleaning with flammable liquids. So is starting fires with kerosene and gasoline. So is carelessness with illuminating gas.

In addition all the usual home hazards are responsible for their share of deaths. Faulty electrical wiring and equipment, cluttered attics and basements full of paper and other junk overhauled and improperly maintained heating stoves and furnaces: these are all dependable killers, and in addition they are responsible for the destruction of tens of millions of dollars worth of property each year.

Fire is rolling merrily along in the United States now. The total loss is at an all-time high and it is increasing. There seems to be no end to our carelessness and indifference. This may keep the fire departments on their toes—but, unfortunately, there's a limit to what the best of them can do.

Take a chance with fire maybe you'll be lucky. And maybe not.

The better blueberry growers in Maine usually harvest from 20 to 60 bushels of berries per acre. One field on record produced 150 bushels per acre in its best part.

THE KNOTHOLE

By ELLIOTT PINE

DO YOU KNOW . . . that the first intercollegiate and the first National amateur track and field meets were held in 1876.

. . . Bamboo poles were first used for pole vaulting in 1900 — at the Olympic games in Paris.

. . . That men run twice as far as women in the relay.

. . . Benny Leonard, who won the lightweight title in 1917 on a technical knockout, retired undefeated seven years later. And Gus Lesnevich, light heavyweight did not fight between 1941 and 1946, but successfully defended his title in 1947.

. . . By the end of 1947 Joe Louis had earned \$3,500,000. Jack Dempsey earned more than five million dollars.

. . . Among bowling champions John Koster, Nyack, N. Y., was the only man to have won four A. B. C. titles.

. . . Four world baseball series have gone the limit of eight games. Joseph McCarthy managed seven world series baseball teams which won.

. . . The greatest polo player of all time — Tommy Hitchcock, Jr., was killed in World War II.

. . . One of the greatest sports in Puerto Rico is cock fighting. Baseball ranks next on that island.

. . . Shortly after Suzanne Lenglen, France, turned tennis professional she was paid \$75,000 to tour the United States with Mary K. Browne, who received \$25,000.

. . . It is believed that skiing was a favorite sport some 25,000 years ago. It will be one of the biggest events at the Olympics.

. . . In 1932 Helene Madison, 18-year-old Seattle, Wash., girl held 15 of the 16 women's world records at free style. Ideal swimming water temperature is between 74 and 78 degrees. Good records cannot be made in "dead water."

. . . Among the types of tennis are court, lawn, paddle, paddle platform, racquets, squash racquets, squash tennis, table tennis and badminton. Tennis has been played in France for centuries.

BILL DICKEY, after only one year, has resigned, apparently in disgust, as manager of the Little Rock Travellers. The club finished in the cellar last season. He does not know, he says, whether he will remain in baseball or not. Dickey piloted the Yankees for a time in 1947, the team on which he played as catcher for 16 years.

The National League broke another half of records in 1947, mostly the work of the New York Giants. Among these giant achievements were: most home runs by one team, 221; 37 homers in 16 consecutive games; most homers in four consecutive games, 15. Individual (Giants) records: Johnny Mize raised his lifetime mark of three or more homers a game to five; Mel Ott rounded out his 22nd year with the same team, Pittsburgh made history through the exploits of Ralph Kiner who tied four batting marks. The league finished the year with the fewest errors in its annals, only 1154 for the eight teams, or a percentage of .278.

The "purity code" to preserve amateurism in collegiate athletics, especially football, is bound to fail in the opinion of most coaches and officials. Purpose of the code is to ban or at least limit off-campus recruiting of promising high school boys. Proposed penalty for violations is a sort of "boycott" of offending schools. That is, no "pure" college would schedule games with any institution that obtained players by offers of concealed financial inducements. The National Collegiate Athletic Association is sponsor of the code, which is just a set of promises, without real teeth.

The world's championship will be at stake in London, February 4-11. The United States is sending a men's and a women's team of experts. William Price of St. Louis captains the men's squad of four, and Leah Thall of Columbus, O., is head of the women's team.

Two more farm clubs have been bought by the Philadelphia Phillies. They are the Baton Rouge, La. team and the Klamath, Falls, Ore., outfit.

The forty-first annual Farm and Home Week at the University of Maine will be held Monday to Thursday, April 5 to 8. More than a hundred speakers will appear on the program. Many of them are outstanding authorities in their respective fields. Maurice D. Jones, professor of agricultural economics and farm management at the University of Maine is chairman of the Farm and Home Week committee.



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HARDWOOD SLABS, \$3.00 cord. Three cord load delivered in or near Bethel village, \$17.00. **KENDALL**, West Bethel. 52c

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From Our Files

19 YEARS AGO—Jan. 4, 1934.

The village sidewalks were in excellent condition, being plowed by Harold Lurvey's tractor. The people still walked in the streets.

A new set of town books was installed with the assistance of a representative of the State Department of Audit.

Deaths: Abbot Holt, William Gary.

26 YEARS AGO—Jan. 5, 1922.

Mrs. E. A. Van found a pearl, the size of a large pea, in an oyster.

Rain, followed by several cold days, made the icy roads worse.

A Van lost about 100 geraniums and many tropical plants when the heating system in his greenhouse failed.

Ralph Day and G. A. Lavanille went from East Bethel to Grafton to dig spruce gum. Mr. Day had a contract for a ton and a half of pure, clear gum.

The Central Service Station closed for the winter.

Deaths: DeForest Conner.

26 YEARS AGO—Jan. 3, 1918.

Dr. George M. Tellebell of Auburn was speaker at a meeting of the Bethel Men's Club.

26 YEARS AGO—Jan. 3, 1904.

Rev. A. D. Olson, former pastor of the Bethel Universalist Church, accepted a call to the North Anson Universalist Church.

As a fast basketball game at the Academy Gymnasium, Gould Academy defeated Portland High School 45 to 8.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. K. W. Hawthorne, Minister
Church School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00

The members of the Guild are

looking forward to their first meet-

ing of their organization in the new

year, Wednesday evening, January

14. A pot luck supper will be served

at 6:30 in the church vestry.

Celia Gorman, Julia Brown and

Florence Blake are the committee

in charge. Following the supper an

interesting program of "Household

Specialties" will be presented in

the Chapel. The program has been

arranged by Grace Macfarlane,

Frances Ireland and Helen Palmer.

Priscilla Hawthorne will be in